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Year ending December 31, 1968

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of the
TOWN OF SUGAR HILL
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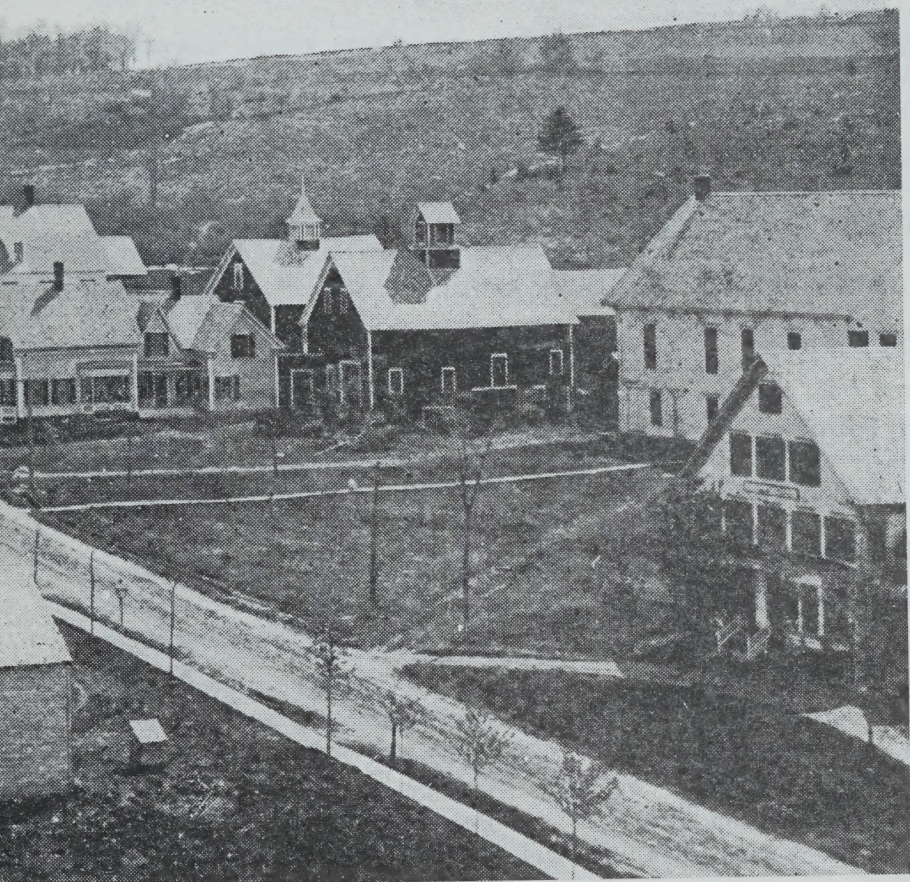
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View from belfrey of Meetinghouse about 1900.



TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR — Enzo Serafini

TOWN CLERK — Edith Aldrich 823-5301

SELECTMEN

Roger H. Aldrich, Chairman, 1969 823-5937

Ross N. Coffin, 1970 823-5252

Joseph Cushing, Jr., 1971 823-5205

TAX COLLECTOR — Gertrude Parker 823-7735

TREASURER — Harold W. Smith

HIGHWAY AGENT — Harold Aldrich 823-5301

POLICE CHIEF — Gary Young 444-5953
823-5327

FIRE CHIEF

Albert Aldrich 823-5927

To Report Fire 823-8412

AUDITOR — William A. Norton

SUPERVISORS OF CHECK LIST

Philip Robertson, 1970 823-5354

Robert Hayward, 1972 823-5564

Dorothy MacEwan, 1974 823-5602

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Lucy Oakes, 1969

Rosalie Robertson, 1970

Gladys Jesseman, Chairman, 1971

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Raymond Dickinson, 1969

Benton Moyer, Jr., 1970

Marshall Wilcox, Chairman, 1971

OVERSEER OF PUBLIC WELFARE — Mary E. Peckett

HEALTH OFFICER — Carolyn Grass

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Marshall Wilcox

Enzo Serafini

William Norton

Donald Jesseman

Harold Aldrich

PLANNING BOARD

Eugene Foss

Harry Reid

Esther Serafini

Juna Grass

Joseph Cushing, Jr.

TOWN MEETING WARRANT

The State of New Hampshire

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Sugar Hill, in the County of Grafton, and the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Carolina Crapo Memorial School, Sugar Hill, N.H., Tuesday the Eleventh day of March, 1969, A.D. at seven-thirty (7:30) P.M. to act on the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Town Clerk, a Selectman for a term of three years, a Town Treasurer, a Collector of Taxes, an Auditor, a Overseer of Public Welfare, a Library Trustee for a term of three years, a Highway Agent, a Constable and a Trustee of Trust Funds for a term of three years and any other elective officers for the coming year.

ARTICLE 2. To choose five members of the Board of Adjustment, one for a term of five years, one for a term of four years, one for a term of three years, one for a term of two years, and one for a term of one year. To also choose three persons for a term of one year to act as the appointing authority to appoint temporary members of the Board of Adjustment in case of disqualification, resignation, death or absence of any permanent member or members.

ARTICLE 3. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges and make appropriations of the same as set forth in the following budget:

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,500.00
Town Officers' Expenses	2,000.00
Election and Registration Expenses	25.00
Expenses of Town Hall and Other Town Buildings	1,000.00
Reappraisal of Property	400.00
Police Department	9,000.00
Blister Rust	125.00
Insurance	1,000.00
Damages and Legal Expenses	200.00
Civil Defense	50.00
Bounties	10.00
Health Department, including Hospitals	752.00
Vital Statistics	15.00
Town Dump	500.00
Town Road Maintenance - Summer	12,000.00
Town Road Maintenance - Winter	6,500.00
Street Lighting	2,600.00
General Expense of Highway Department	5,000.00

Town Road Aid	526.43
Libraries	2,000.00
Town Poor	50.00
Old Age Assistance	1,000.00
Memorial Day and Town Anniversary Day	215.00
Cemeteries	400.00
Advertising and Regional Association	1,485.00
Recreational Program	400.00
Interest on Temporary Loans	200.00
Lisbon Bridge Payment	2,854.07
	<u>\$ 51,807.50</u>

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$6,000.00 for the equipment reserve fund and to transfer \$4,000.00 in surplus funds to said fund, making a total of \$10,000.00 for the current year.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500.00 for the Sugar Hill Fire Department.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to pay the salaries of the Fire Department members henceforth, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for that purpose for the current year.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to purchase a new highway truck for approximately \$2,500.00, with funds to be withdrawn from the equipment reserve fund.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint the Highway Agent under the provisions of R.S.A.245:6, said appointment to begin in 1970.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to direct a discount of one per cent (1%) to be made to those persons who shall pay their taxes within a period of three (3) weeks from the date of the tax bill.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to accept the report of the Meetinghouse Committee and to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$20,000.00 for renovating and equipping the building; \$4,000.00 to be raised by taxation in the current year and **further** to authorize the Board of Selectmen to borrow on the credit of the Town the balance of the sum of money so raised and appropriated and for this purpose authorize the issue of serial notes or bonds of the Town under and in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act or any other enabling authority, delegating to the Board of Selectmen the discretion of fixing the date, maturities, denominations, the interest rate, or discount rate in the case of notes, the place of payment, the form and other details of said bonds or notes, and of providing for the sale thereof.

ARTICLE 12. To hear reports of Committees previously chosen and pass any vote in relation thereto and to see if the Town will vote to instruct the Moderator to appoint such committees as seem necessary.

ARTICLE 13. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands and seals this seventeenth day of February, Nineteen Hundred and Sixty-nine.

ROGER H. ALDRICH
JOSEPH CUSHING, JR.
ROSS N. COFFIN

Selectmen of Sugar Hill

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL,

Estimate of the Revenue for the Year 1969 Compared with
Actual Revenue for the Year 1968

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated 1968	Actual 1968	Estimated 1969
From State:			
Interest and Dividends Tax	10,000.00	19,374.74	18,000.00
Savings Bank Tax	125.00	192.10	150.00
Meals and Rooms Tax	100.00	590.98	700.00
Reimbursement a/c Gas Tax	300.00	156.45	150.00
From Local Sources Except Taxes:			
Dog Licenses	200.00	196.00	190.00
Permits and Filing Fees		6.00	
Interest on Taxes	30.00	31.88	25.00
Highway Department Income	1,000.00	795.30	600.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	4,000.00	5,683.90	4,500.00
Withdrawals from Capital Reserve Fund	5,720.00	5,570.50	2,500.00
Cash Surplus	7,000.00	7,000.00	2,000.00
From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:			
Poll Taxes - Regular at \$2.00	274.00	346.00	300.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	50.00	56.50	50.00
Yield Taxes	50.00	75.58	50.00
TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES EXCEPT PROPERTY TAXES	\$28,849.00	\$40,075.93	\$29,215.00
AMT. TO BE RAISED BY PROPERTY TAXES			\$51,592.50
TOTAL REVENUES			\$80,807.50

NEW HAMPSHIRE FOR THE YEAR 1969

Estimate of Expenditures for the Year 1969 Compared with
the Actual Expenditures for the Year 1968

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Appropriations 1968	Actual 1968	Estimated 1969
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Town Officers' Expenses	1,200.00	1,799.86	2,000.00
Election and Registration Expenses	400.00	285.58	25.00
Exp. of Town Hall and Other Town Bldgs.	1,000.00	481.37	1,000.00
Reappraisal of Property	225.00	458.67	400.00
Employees Retirement & Social Security	450.00	106.07	*
Protection of Persons and Property:			
Police Department	7,700.00	7,805.40	9,000.00
Fire Department	2,700.00	2,524.85	4,500.00
Blister Rust	125.00		125.00
Insurance	1,100.00	919.00	1,000.00
Damages and Legal Expenses	200.00	95.00	200.00
Civil Defense	50.00		50.00
Bounties		6.50	10.00
Health:			
Health Department, including Hospitals	750.00	750.00	**752.00
Vital Statistics	15.00	12.00	15.00
Town Dump	500.00	500.00	500.00
Highways and Bridges:			
Town Maintenance - Summer	10,500.00	10,438.85	12,000.00
Town Maintenance - Winter	6,500.00	5,457.25	6,500.00
Street Lighting	2,500.00	2,558.16	2,600.00
General Expenses of Highway Department	5,000.00	4,179.82	5,000.00
Town Road Aid	529.64	529.64	526.43
Library:	1,200.00	1,200.00	2,000.00
Public Welfare:			
Town Poor	50.00		50.00
Old Age Assistance	1,200.00	585.32	1,000.00
Patriotic Purposes:			
Memorial Day and Town Anniversary	200.00	212.76	215.00

Public Service Enterprises:

Cemeteries	400.00	359.00	400.00
Advertising	900.00	765.60	•1,485.00
Recreational Program			400.00
Discounts, Abatements & Refunds		3,987.85	

Interest:

On Temporary Loans	200.00	134.44	200.00
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Land, Buildings, and New Equipment:

Highway Equipment	5,720.00	5,570.50	2,500.00
Meetinghouse Renovation			4,000.00

Payment on Principal of Debt:

Lisbon Bridge Payment	2,940.27	2,940.20	2,854.07
Payment to Capital Reserve Fund	7,000.00	7,000.00	10,000.00

County Taxes:	6,500.00	7,186.18	8,000.00
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>68,004.91</u>	<u>70,349.87</u>	<u>80,807.50</u>
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* Town has a credit of \$1,300.00 with State

** Littleton Hospital \$300.00, Wht. Mt. Com. Services \$300.00
District Nursing Assoc. \$152.00

- Ski 93 \$100.00, Wht. Mt. Reg. \$305.00, Franconia
Information Booth \$1,080.00

FROM THE SELECTMEN'S POINT OF VIEW

Our highway program continued to show progress in 1968. The Pearl Lake Road has been re-built and surfaced with Town Road Aid Funds. A section of Lafayette Road was finished on the same program and several other small pieces of road have been surfaced, such as the Bickford Hill Road. The highway improvement program produces mixed results, in that the auto traffic people are happy but the horse riders are unhappy with increased hard-surfaced roads. We wonder if a trail program could be started in a small way, which would serve horse riders in the summer and snow vehicle people in the winter. Perhaps the Conservation Commission could take this on as a project.

The sidewalk improvement program made good progress in 1968. We hope to do as well in 1969.

After a lengthy period of indecision, we finally took the plunge and had our new highway garage constructed on the original plan. We have a long term lease from the School District for the sight and we think it is quite an improvement, or will be when the old shed is torn down. The building is extremely functional and really is quite good looking. Surprisingly, in this age of inflation, we managed to stay within the 1966 appropriation.

Probably the biggest piece of news in 1968 was the passing of a zoning ordinance, on the second attempt, at the November election. The complete ordinance is printed elsewhere in this report, along with our comments.

The 1968-69 winter season has been a rough one so far. The deep and frequent snowfalls have taken their toll of equipment. Our Highway Agent, Mr. Harold Aldrich, has been holding his own in the fight to keep our roads open. He has been plowing for as long as 36 hours without sleep and has even kept going while sick with the flu.

It has been suggested, with tongue in cheek, that since the snowbanks are so high and the roads so narrow, maybe we could roof them over and avoid further plowing this winter.

For several years past we have attempted to hold the budget increase down to the point where it would be balanced by increases in valuation and income. The fact that we succeeded in this is shown by a comparison of tax rates. The expenditures rose sharply in 1968 but were more than offset by the increases in valuation and income, resulting in a lower Town and County tax rate for the fourth year in a row.

Now that we have given you the good news and put you in a happy frame of mind, it's time for you to take a look at the budget for 1969. After adding all the budget requests we don't know whether to laugh or cry. We suppose that the increases are a sign of the times and probably we have been fortunate to have been able to avoid a net increase for so long. The increase in the Highway Department budget is due to increased costs to us rather than any projected new work. We feel that the large increase in the amount placed in the Equipment Reserve Fund is necessary to keep up with our depreciation schedule.

The Meetinghouse renovation article is a new expense which we are reluctant to bring in at this time but the report of the Meetinghouse Committee explains why we feel it is necessary.

We do not expect any sizeable net increase in valuation in 1969 so any budget increase represents an increase in our taxes. Each \$1,000.00 appropriated means an approximate increase of \$.25 per thousand on the tax rate. The budget as presented is increased about \$12,000.00 over last year and means an approximate increase of \$3.00 per thousand on the tax rate. Looking back, the combined Town and County tax rates have been as follows: 1965 - \$10.80; 1966 - \$10.50; 1967 - \$9.50; 1968 - \$8.00. In this light, the projected 1969 rate of \$10.50 - \$11.00 doesn't look too bad. However, in all honesty, we must point out that we expect a large increase in the School tax rate as well.

We are at a loss to know where to cut this budget in any amount that will make a noticeable difference to our tax rate. By noticeable difference we mean that cuts need to be in thousands rather than in hundreds.

Well, that's the way it looks to us. We hope to see you all at the annual meeting. It should be a lively one.

SUMMARY OF INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Land	\$ 633,849.00
Buildings	3,123,162.00
Public Utilities - Electric	266,600.00
Stock in Trade	24,950.00
Boats (11)	200.00
Dairy Cattle (109)	11,750.00
Other Cattle (47)	4,725.00
Gasoline Pumps	700.00
Road Building Machinery	5,324.00
Total Valuation before Exemptions	4,071,260.00
Less: Neat Stock Exemptions	5,000.00
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Net Valuation on which Tax Rate was computed	\$4,066,260.00
Gross Property Taxes Assessed	\$ 91,453.11
Less: War Service Tax Credits	1,615.29
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Net Property Taxes Committed	\$ 89,837.82

TAX RATES

The Taxes on property valued at \$1,000.00

In District No. 2 were:		In District No. 3 were:	
1967 Town	\$ 8.10	1967 Town	\$ 8.10
County	1.40	County	1.40
School	12.70	School	16.40
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	\$22.20		\$25.90
1968 Town	\$ 6.20	1968 Town	\$ 6.20
County	1.80	County	1.80
School	13.50	School	15.20
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	\$21.50		\$23.20

Town of Sugar Hill		BALANCE
Assets		
Cash in Hands of Treasurer		\$39,229.15
Equipment Reserve Fund		8,863.14
Social Security Credit with State		1,300.00
Unredeemed Taxes:		
Levy of 1966		96.07
Levy of 1967		95.52
Uncollected Taxes:		
Levy of 1968		403.64
State Head Taxes - Levy of 1968		<u>80.00</u>
Total Assets		<u>\$50,067.52</u>
Grand Total		\$50,067.52
Surplus Dec. 31, 1967	\$9,053.67	
Surplus Dec. 31, 1968	<u>4,568.23</u>	
Decrease of Surplus	<u>4,485.44</u>	

Liabilities

Unexpended Special Appropriations	
Town Garage	\$ 544.80

Due to State:

State Head Taxes Uncollected 1968	80.00
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Due to School District:

Balance of Appropriation	36,011.35
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Total Current Liabilities	<u>\$36,636.15</u>
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Equipment Reserve Fund	8,863.14
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Total Liabilities	<u>\$45,499.29</u>
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Excess of Assets over Liabilities (Surplus)	4,568.23
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Grand Total	<u>\$50,067.52</u>
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Cash on Hand, Dec. 31, 1968 \$39,229.15

 Less Total Current Liabilities 36,636.15

Cash Surplus	<u>\$ 2,593.00</u>
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STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT
TOWN OF SUGAR HILL

December 31, 1968

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COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES, FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1968

	Forwarded From 1967	Appro- priations	Receipts	Total Amount Available	Expendi- tures	Balances Un- Expended	Over- Drafts	Carried to 1969 Liabilities
Town Officer's Salaries		1,500.00		1,500.00	1,500.00			
Town Officer's Expenses		1,200.00		1,200.00	1,799.86		599.86	
Election & Registration Expense		400.00		400.00	285.58	114.42		
Town Hall & Other Town Bldgs.		1,000.00		1,000.00	481.37	518.63		
Reappraisal of Property		225.00		225.00	458.67		233.67	
Social Security		450.00		450.00	106.07	343.93		
Police Department		7,700.00		7,700.00	7,805.40		105.40	
Fire Department		2,700.00	623.00	3,323.00	3,147.85	175.15		
Blister Rust		125.00		125.00		125.00		
Insurance		1,100.00		1,100.00	919.00	181.00		
Damages & Legal Expenses		200.00		200.00	95.00	105.00		
Civil Defense		50.00		50.00		50.00		
Health Dept. & Hospitals		750.00		750.00	750.00			
Vital Statistics		15.00		15.00	12.00	3.00		
Town Dump		500.00		500.00	500.00			
Town Maintenance - Summer		10,500.00	951.75	11,451.75	10,438.85	1,012.90		
Town Maintenance - Winter		6,500.00		6,500.00	5,457.25	1,042.75		
Gen'l. Exp. of Highway Dept.		5,000.00		5,000.00	4,179.82	820.18		
Street Lights		2,500.00		2,500.00	2,558.16		58.16	
Town Road Aid		529.64	2,846.45	3,376.09	3,373.34	2.75		
Library		1,200.00		1,200.00	1,200.00			
Town Poor		50.00		50.00		50.00		
Old Age Assistance		1,200.00	26.23	1,226.23	585.32	640.91		
Memorial Day & Town Anniversary		200.00		200.00	212.76		12.76	
Cemeteries		400.00		400.00	359.00	41.00		
Advertising		900.00		900.00	765.60	134.40		
Interest		200.00		200.00	134.44	65.56		
New Lands & Buildings	5,500.00			5,500.00	4,935.20		564.80	
Lisbon Bridge		2,940.27		2,940.27	2,940.20	.07		
Capital Reserve Fund - New Equipment	7,218.77		214.87	14,433.64	5,570.50		8,863.14	
County Tax		7,186.18		7,186.18	7,186.18			
School District	13,771.30	58,626.27	2,891.86	75,289.43	39,278.08		36,011.35	
	\$26,490.07	\$122,847.36	\$7,554.16	\$156,891.59	\$107,035.50	\$5,426.65	\$1,009.85	\$45,439.29
							-1,009.85	
							\$4,416.80	
							Net Unexpended Bal.	

TREASURER'S REPORT

1968

RECEIPTS

Cash on Hand January 1, 1968		\$27,544.18
Gertrude Parker, Tax Collector	\$91,730.11	
Edith Aldrich, Town Clerk	5,776.35	
State of New Hampshire	23,231.10	
Littleton National Bank	10,000.00	
Highway Department Revenue	902.85	
Trustees of Trust Funds	5,570.50	
Sugar Hill School District Refund Bal. 6/30/68	2,891.86	
Sugar Hill Fire Department Refund	623.00	
Insurance Premium Refund	5.00	
Accident Report Fees	4.00	
Permit	2.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		<u>140,736.77</u>
TOTAL AVAILABLE		<u>\$168,280.95</u>

PAYMENTS

Orders of the Selectmen		\$129,051.80
Cash on Hand December 31, 1968		<u>39,229.15</u>
TOTAL		<u>\$168,280.95</u>

Respectfully Submitted,
Harold W. Smith
Town Treasurer

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, Land and Building	\$ 8,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	800.00
Library, Land and Building	10,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	3,000.00
Highway Department, Land and Building	5,000.00
Equipment	10,000.00
Forest Fire Equipment	350.00
Sugar Hill Dump	100.00
Total	<u>\$37,250.00</u>

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

To the voters of the Town of Sugar Hill:

I herewith submit the seventh annual report of the financial doings of my office for the year 1968.

Auto Tax Permits issued for 1967	\$ 141.15
Auto Tax Permits issued for 1968	5,435.20
Dog Licenses sold for 1968	196.00
Filing Fees	<u>4.00</u>
Total Receipts	\$5,776.35

The sum of the total receipts was turned over to the Town Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

Edith Aldrich
Town Clerk

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Summary of Warrant

Property, Poll and Yield Taxes, Levy of 1968

DEBITS

Taxes Committed to Collector		
Property taxes	\$89,837.82	
Poll taxes	378.00	
National Bank Stock taxes	61.50	
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Total Warrant		90,277.32
Yield taxes		75.58
Added Taxes		
Property taxes	875.44	
Poll taxes	10.00	
	<hr/>	885.44
Interest collected		10.04
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Total Debits		\$91,248.38

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer		
Property taxes	89,445.17	
Poll taxes	344.00	
National Bank Stock taxes	61.50	
Yield taxes	75.58	
Interest collected	10.04	
	<hr/>	89,936.29
Discount allowed		617.43
Abatements:		
Property taxes	283.02	
Poll taxes	8.00	291.02
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Uncollected Taxes as Per Collector's List		
Property taxes	367.64	
Poll taxes	36.00	403.64
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Total Credits		\$91,248.38

SUMMARY OF WARRANT

State Head Tax, Levy of 1967

DEBITS

Uncollected Taxes		
As of January 1, 1968	90.00	
Penalties Collected during 1968	<u>9.00</u>	
Total Debits		99.00

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer During 1968		
Head taxes	90.00	
Penalties	<u>9.00</u>	
Total Credits		99.00

SUMMARY OF WARRANT

State Head Tax, Levy of 1968

DEBITS

State Head Taxes Committed to Collector		
Original Warrant	1,085.00	
Added Taxes	25.00	
Total Commitment	1,110.00	
Penalties Collector	<u>4.00</u>	
Total Debits		1,114.00

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer		
Head Taxes	1,005.00	
Penalties	<u>4.00</u>	
		1,009.00
Abatements		25.00
Uncollected Head Taxes, As Per Collector's List	<u>80.00</u>	
Total Credits		1,114.00

SUMMARY OF WARRANT

Property, Poll and Yield Taxes, Levy of 1967

DEBITS

Uncollected Taxes - As of January 1, 1968		
Property taxes	654.72	
Poll taxes	<u>30.00</u>	684.72
Interest Collected During Fiscal Year Ended Dec. 31, 1968		<u>8.60</u>
Total Debits		693.32

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year Ended Dec. 31, 1968		
Property taxes	654.72	
Poll taxes	<u>30.00</u>	
Interest Collected During Year	<u>8.60</u>	
Total Credits		693.32

SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS

As of December 31, 1968

Tax Sale on Account of Levies of:

DEBITS	1967	1966
Taxes sold to town during current fiscal year	95.52	
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes January 1, 1968		96.07
Total Debits	<u>95.52</u>	<u>96.07</u>

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer During year	None	
Unredeemed Taxes At close of year	<u>95.52</u>	<u>96.07</u>

Town of Sugar Hill**RECEIPTS AND**

Current Revenue:

From Local Taxes:

Property Taxes, Current Year - 1968	\$89,585.69	
Poll Taxes, Current Year - 1968	346.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes - 1968	56.50	
Yield Taxes - 1968	75.58	
State Head Taxes at \$5.00 - 1968	965.00	
Total Current Yr's. Taxes Remitted	<u> </u>	\$ 91,028.77
Property Taxes - 1967		549.46
Poll Taxes - 1967		30.00
State Head Taxes - 1967		90.00
Interest Received on Taxes		18.88
Penalties on State Head Taxes		13.00

From State:

Reimbursement of T.R.A. expense	2,846.45	
Interest and Dividends Tax	19,374.74	
Savings Bank Tax	192.10	
Reimbursement of Gas Tax	156.45	
Reimbursement a/c Old Age Assistance	26.23	
Meals and Rooms Tax	<u>590.98</u>	
		23,231.10

From Local Sources, Except Taxes:

Dog Licenses	196.00	
Business licenses, permits and filing fees	6.00	
Highway Dept. Income	795.30	
Motor Vehicle Permits	<u>5,683.90</u>	
		6,681.20
Total Current Revenue Receipts		\$121,642.41

PAYMENTS**For Year Ended Dec. 31, 1968****Current Maintenance Expenses:****General Government:**

Town Officers' Salaries	\$1,500.00
Town Officers' Expenses	1,799.86
Election, etc.	285.58
Exp. of Town Bldgs.	481.37
Reappraisal of Property	458.67

Protection of Persons and Property:

Police Department	7,805.40
Fire Department	3,147.85
Insurance	919.00
Bounties	650

Health:

Health Dept., including Hospitals	750.00
Vital Statistics	12.00
Town Dump	500.00

Highways and Bridges:

Town Road Aid		3,373.34
Town Road Maintenance - Summer	10,438.85	
Town Road Maintenance - Winter	<u>5,457.25</u>	15,896.10
Street Lighting		2,558.16
General Expense of Highway Dept.		4179.82

Libraries	1,200.00
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Public Welfare:

Old Age Assistance	585.32
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Patriotic Purposes:

Memorial Day and Town Anniversary Day	212.76
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Public Service Enterprises: Cemeteries	359.00
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Unclassified:

Damages and legal expenses	95.00
Advertising and Regional Associations	765.60
Taxes bought by Town	307.80
Discounts, Abatements and Refunds	3,987.85
Employees Ret. and Soc. Sec.	106.07

Total Current Maintenance Expenses	\$51,293.05
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Receipts (continued)

Receipts other than Current Revenue:

Temporary Loan in Anticipation of Taxes	10,000.00	
Insurance Adjustments	9.00	
Refund - Sugar Hill School District	2,891.86	
Withdrawals from Capital Reserve Funds	5,570.50	
Refund - Sugar Hill Fire Dept.	623.00	
Refund - Employees F.I.C.A.	275.18	
	<hr/>	19,369.54
Total Receipts from all Sources		<hr/> \$141,011.95
Cash on Hand January 1, 1968		27,544.18
Grand Total		<hr/> \$168,556.13

Payments (continued)

Interest		134.44
New Equipment & Buildings		
Highway Dept., Equipment	5,570.50	
Town Garage	<u>4,935.20</u>	10,505.70
Indebtedness:		
Payments on Temporary Loans	10,000.00	
Payments to Capital Reserve Funds	<u>7,000.00</u>	
Total Indebtedness Payments		17,000.00
Payments to Other Gov. Divisions:		
State Treasurer	1.74	
State Head Taxes	975.00	
Yield Tax	12.59	
County Taxes	7,186.18	
Town of Lisbon, Bridge Payment	2,940.20	
School District	<u>39,278.08</u>	
Total Payments to Other Gov. Div.		50,393.79
Total Payments for all Purposes		<u>\$129,326.98</u>
Cash on Hand December 31, 1968		\$39,229.15
Grand Total		<u>\$168,556.13</u>

CAPITAL RESERVE FUND
(For acquiring and replacing equipment)

Cash on Hand January 1, 1968	\$7,218.77
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RECEIPTS

Town Appropriation for 1968	\$7,000.00	
Interest on Trust Funds	<u>214.87</u>	<u>7,214.87</u>
		\$14,433.64

PAYMENTS

Purchase of Road Roller	\$3,417.50	
Purchase of Road Sweeper	1,320.00	
Purchase of Snow Plow	<u>833.00</u>	<u>5,570.50</u>
Cash on Hand December 31, 1968		\$8,863.14

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Benton L. Moyer, Jr.
Raymond C. Dickinson
Marshall E. Wilcox

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I certify that I have examined the accounts of the town clerk, tax collector, town treasurer, selectmen, trustees of trust funds, and library trustees and found them correct and properly vouched.

WILLIAM A. NORTON
Town Auditor
February 10, 1969



Lover's Lane - Summer and Winter about 1885





View from the west about 1885. Note original town site, destroyed off in a hurricane about 1898.



steeple on Meetinghouse which was blown



Placing bell in steeple of upper church, date - April 17, 1886. We count 40 men, 19 women and 21 children.



Next winter's wood with 2 horsepower saw rig. No date, but some of participants are Charlie Streeter, Warren Whipple, George Whipple and Elder Nickerson.

TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

Roger Aldrich, Selectman Chairman	\$ 300.00
Joseph Cushing, Jr., Selectman	200.00
Ross Coffin, Selectman	200.00
Harold Smith, Town Treasurer	200.00
Mary Peckett, Overseer of Public Welfare	25.00
William Norton, Auditor	25.00
Enzo Serafini, Moderator	50.00
Gertrude Parker, Tax Collector	300.00
Edith Aldrich, Town Clerk	200.00
	<hr/> \$ 1,500.00

TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES

N.H. Municipal Association, dues	\$ 30.00
N.H. Assessors Association, dues	5.00
N.H. City & Town Clerks Association, dues	6.00
N.H. Tax Collectors Association, dues	5.00
Courier Printing Co., notices	128.10
Harrison Publishing House, printing	181.25
Brown & Saltmarsh, Inc., supplies	12.10
Edson C. Eastman, supplies	40.45
Charles A. Wood, Register of Deeds	27.22
Anna Proctor	.10
N.H. Municipal Association, hand books	8.00
N.H. State Treasurer, Taxation books	9.63
Edith Aldrich, fees & expense	549.82
Postmaster, Lisbon, N.H., stamps	14.28
Franconia Insurance Agency, bonds	120.00
Roger Aldrich, stamps	15.00
Eugene Foss, postage & supplies	36.38
Ross Coffin, meals	8.00
Gertrude Parker, fees & expense	62.80
Northern Land Services, 1/2 expense of Franconia & Sugar Hill boundary line	187.88
Edith Aldrich, clerical work for selectmen	312.00
Northern Office Supply, supplies	6.45
Branham Publishing Co., books	9.40
Equity Publishing Co., books	25.00
	<hr/> \$ 1,799.86

ELECTION & REGISTRATION

Sugar Hill Grange, election meals	\$ 30.00
Agway, material for booths	10.58
Robert Hayward, Supervisor of the Check List	40.00
Philip Robertson, Supervisor of the Check List	40.00
Dorothy MacEwan, Supervisor of the Check List	45.00
Lorraine Hunt, Ballot Clerk	30.00
Edward Wessels, Ballot Clerk	30.00
Betty Stewart, Ballot Clerk	20.00
Mildred Wilcox, Ballot Clerk	20.00
Joyce Dearman, Ballot Clerk	10.00
Sherry Litke, Ballot Clerk	10.00
	<hr/> \$285.58

TOWN HALL AND OTHER TOWN BUILDINGS

Public Service Co., electricity at Town Hall	\$ 60.88
Public Service Co., electricity at Town Garage	9.15
Harry Andross, repairs at Town Hall	53.34
John Aldrich, mowing lawn at Town Hall	53.00
Sugar Hill School District, office rent	250.00
Homer Aldrich, care of Town Clock	50.00
Sugar Hill School District, 5 yr. lease,	
at \$1.00 per yr. for property where Town Garage is located.	<u>5.00</u>
	\$481.37

APPRAISAL OF PROPERTY

N.H. State Treasurer	\$458.67
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POLICE DEPARTMENT

Gary Young, Constable, Salary	\$ 5,286.00
Gary Young, Mileage	2,438.00
Gary Young, telephone	41.85
Gary Young, road service	5.00
Charles Whittier, shot gun rent	6.00
Gary Young, Swift spotting scope	20.00
Harrison Publishing House, printing	<u>8.55</u>
	\$ 7,805.40

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Department, appropriation	\$ 2,500.00
Albert Aldrich, payroll	623.00
Courier Printing Co., notices, Forest Fire	15.60
Hunts' Esso, Forest Fire	<u>9.25</u>
	24.85
	\$ 3,147.85

BOUNTIES

James Hunt	\$ 4.00
Lauren Howard	<u>2.50</u>
	\$ 6.50

INSURANCE

Franconia Insurance Agency	
Contractor Equipment	\$ 87.00
Comprehensive General Liability	552.00
Audit Adjustment	36.00
Workmen's Compensation	151.00
Audit Adjustment	<u>93.00</u>
	\$919.00

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

White Mts. Community Services, appropriation	\$300.00
Lisbon District Nursing Assoc., appropriation	150.00
Littleton Hospital, appropriation	<u>300.00</u>
	\$750.00

VITAL STATISTICS

Edith Aldrich	\$ 12.00
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TOWN DUMP

Fred Hunt, bulldozing	\$ 18.00
Churchill & Brown, bulldozing	24.00
Warren Wetherbee	80.00
Harold Aldrich	<u>378.00</u>
	\$500.00

TOWN ROAD MAINTENANCE — SUMMER

Harold Aldrich, Agent	\$ 3,162.03
Lewis Mardin, backhoe	216.50
Lewis Mardin, truck	959.75
Thomas Kidder	686.80
Fred Hunt, loader	220.00
William Presby	31.50
John Aldrich	10.20
St. Johnsbury Trucking	15.24
Clifton Dexter	43.20
Agway	344.66
Lauren Howard Jr.	3.40
Commercial Credit Equipment Corp., tractor rental	854.28
N.H. Bituminous Co.	2,704.72
Fimlaid Farm, gravel	202.80
Blaktop Inc.,	112.13
Orison Smith, gravel	4.50
Harry Hodge, filing saws	5.00
Edward Wessels, gravel	39.60
Cyrs Heating & Plumbing, air compressor	38.00
Churchill & Brown	162.00
Poulsen Lumber Co., material, Streeter Bridge	8.92
R.C. Hazelton Co.	91.17
Roy Plant Sr., cutting right of way to Town Garage	128.00
Crushing Inc., sidewalk material	<u>394.45</u>
	\$10,438.85

TOWN ROAD MAINTENANCE – WINTER

Harold Aldrich, Agent	\$ 2,758.00
Lewis Mardin	414.00
Lewis Mardin, truck	99.00
John Aldrich	75.80
Fred Locke	16.85
Clarence Pickens	20.25
Thomas Kidder	418.20
Fred Hunt, truck & loader	341.50
Community Oil	10.75
International Salt Co.	616.20
Commercial Credit Equipment Corp., tractor rental	610.20
Edward Wessels, sand	76.50
	<u>\$ 5,457.25</u>

TOWN ROAD AID

Harold Aldrich, T.R.A.	\$ 666.90
Lewis Mardin, truck T.R.A.	1,028.25
Thomas Kidder, T.R.A.	177.65
Richard Smith, truck T.R.A.	239.25
Clifton Dexter, truck & loader T.R.A.	467.95
Edward Wessels, gravel, T.R.A.	90.00
Fimlaid Farm, gravel, T.R.A.	173.70
Treasurer, State of N.H., T.R.A. appropriation	529.64
	<u>\$ 3,373.34</u>

GENERAL EXPENSE OF HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Champlain Oil Co., gasoline	\$ 1,227.45
Hunt's Esso, inspection & parts	117.74
Maurice Nihan, parts & repairs	63.20
Franconia Hardware Inc., supplies	54.36
Franconia Garage, welding & tire change	44.55
Clinton Clough, dynamite	5.60
McLarens, parts & repairs	129.62
Oxygen & Welding Supply Co. Inc., cylinders	11.48
Varney-Smith Lumber Co. Inc., truck sideboards	2.99
Agway	67.77
Clifton Dexter, welding	44.05
R.C. Hazelton Co. Inc., parts & blades	206.57
Reed Supply	15.40
Franconia Gas Corp.	11.00
B.R. McCulloch, fuel & motor oil	154.69
Jordon-Milton, grader repair & parts	300.93
Johnson's Chevron	66.55
McKenzie Auto Parts, supplies	50.07
Websters' Chevron	1.75
Sanel Industrial, heaters, blade & parts	376.96
Mosleys	3.15
Del Chemical Corp., supplies	113.45
Hunts Station	154.24
Doane Oil Co., grader tires	249.76
Steel Products Co. of America, grader blades	574.24
Goldbergs Auto Service Inc., parts & supplies	51.00
Whitefield Hardware	81.25
	<u>\$ 4,179.82</u>

STREET LIGHTING

Public Service Co. of N.H., street lights	\$ 2,558.16
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LIBRARY

Richardson Memorial Library, appropriation	\$ 1,119.50
Franconia Insurance Agency, insurance	<u>80.50</u>
	\$ 1,200.00

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

State Treasurer of N.H.	\$ 584.32
N.H. Division of Welfare, OASI Fund	<u>1.00</u>
	\$ 585.32

MEMORIAL DAY AND OTHER CELEBRATIONS

Lorraine Hunt, flags for Memorial Day	\$ 12.76
Atlas Display Fireworks, Town Celebration	<u>200.00</u>
	\$ 212.76

CEMETERIES

Sunnyside Cemetery Association, appropriation	\$ 300.00
Herbert Hunt, care of Streeter Pond Cemetery	<u>59.00</u>
	\$ 359.00

DAMAGES & LEGAL EXPENSE

Karl T. Bruckner, Conference with Selectmen	\$ 70.00
Dick's House, destroying stray dog	<u>25.00</u>
	\$ 95.00

ADVERTISING & REGIONAL ASSOCIATION

Franconia Hardware, lights	\$ 10.60
White Mountain Regional Association, appropriation	305.00
White Mts. 93 Association, appropriation	100.00
Franconia Playground	50.00
Town of Franconia, advertising	<u>300.00</u>
	\$ 765.60

TOWN OF LISBON

Town of Lisbon, Bridge payment	\$ 2,603.97
Town of Lisbon, interest	<u>336.23</u>
	\$ 2,940.20

SCHOOL DISTRICT

Sugar Hill School District, appropriation	\$39,278.08
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TAXES BOUGHT BY TOWN

Gertrude Parker, Tax Collector	\$ 307.80
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RETIREMENT & SOCIAL SECURITY

Treasurer, State of N.H., Employer's share	\$ 106.07
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INTEREST

Littleton National Bank	\$ 134.44
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DISCOUNTS, ABATEMENTS, REFUNDS

Joseph Connors 3rd, registration refund	\$ 26.27
Evelyn Whitney, registration refund	18.47
Raymond C. Martin, head & poll tax refund	12.00
Treasurer State of N.H., T.R.A. overdraft	174.04
Harold Aldrich, social security refund	983.35
Treasurer, State of N.H., Int. & Dividends Tax Refund	<u>2,773.72</u>
	\$ 3,987.85

BUILDINGS, NEW EQUIPMENT

R.C. Hazelton Co., roller	\$ 3,417.50
N.H. Explosives Machinery Corp., sweeper	1,320.00
R.C. Hazelton Co. Inc., plow	833.00
Edward Lauderbaugh, Town Garage	<u>4,935.20</u>
	\$10,505.70

TEMPORARY LOANS

Littleton National Bank	\$10,000.00
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CAPITAL RESERVE – EQUIPMENT

Trustees of Trust Fund, equipment reserve	\$ 7,000.00
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STATE & COUNTY

Grafton County, County Tax	\$ 7,186.18
Treasurer, State of N.H., Head Tax	975.00
Treasurer, State of N.H., Yield Tax	12.59
Treasurer, State of N.H.	<u>1.74</u>
	\$ 8,175.51

SUNNYSIDE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

1968

Cash on Hand January 1, 1968 \$227.74

RECEIPTS

Town Appropriation	\$300.00	
Interest on Trust Funds	369.54	
Mowing Lots	229.00	
Sale of Lots	<u>80.00</u>	
		<u>978.54</u>
		\$1,206.28

PAYMENTS

Labor and Use of Truck	\$958.35	
Grass Seed and Fertilizer	22.00	
Power Mower	89.88	
Gasoline	7.80	
Bank Service Charges	<u>3.78</u>	
		<u>1,081.81</u>
Cash on Hand December 31, 1968		\$124.47

Meeting House Committee Report

January 27, 1969

The Meeting House Committee recommends that The Meeting House be put into use for the following reasons:

- (1) The school house is being put to a more accelerated use for school purposes. We understand that another grade will be added in Sept., 1969. The School Board expects the building to be used jointly with Franconia and Easton for the next three or four years. If a Cooperative School District is formed, use of the building for school purposes will probably continue far into the future.
- (2) The Selectmen need a meeting room and a more ample file and storage space. Also, the law states that The Board of Adjustment shall have an office.
- (3) The Town Clerk should have an office away from home where regular office hours can be maintained.
- (4) The school auditorium is inadequate for Town Meetings and other occasions. State fire laws are broken by overcrowding.
- (5) Various organizations of the town need a meeting room during the day when school is in session. Now there are conflicts when their needs arise.
- (6) The Meeting House exists, it requires maintenance, it is a historic landmark, it is a tourist attraction. It should be preserved and put to good use for the whole community.
- (7) A great amount of remodeling has been done which suits the needs listed above.

Following are contractor's estimated costs of making the Meeting House suitable for year round usage.

Foundation work estimate.	4484.00
Finish Selectmen's room, toilets, hall, and upstairs room.	1956.00
Insulate entire building.	849.00

Heat entire building. He proposes two hot air units. One for the auditorium and entrance hall. Another for the meeting rooms and entrance hall so that the entrance hall will always be warm. 4,000.00

Artesian well. 2,500.00

Extra wiring. 350.00

Parking areas.

There is ample parking space which the Committee thinks can be done by the Road Agent.

The roof appears to be in a condition to last for several more years.

Office furniture and equipment. 1,000.00

Auditorium furniture and equipment. 1,500.00

Total estimated cost 16,639.00

Contingencies 3,361.00

Total Amount Needed 20,000.00

The Committee does not recommend the finishing or equipping of the kitchen at this time since this could possibly be done as a Community Project.

It is hoped that all residents, full and part time, might take part in and contribute to this project.

It is hoped that the whole community will make the fullest possible use of The Meeting House consistent with the policies of the Board of Selectmen.

I want to thank all members of the Committee who worked so helpfully with me, namely: Homer Aldrich, Mrs. Eugene Foss, and Edwin MacEwan.

Don Jesseman, Chairman

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

At the conclusion of only the second year of the establishment of our full time Police Department we are proud of the fact that we completed the year of 1968 without an automobile accident involving personal injury within the boundaries of Sugar Hill. This was accomplished through the cooperation of the Selectmen and taxpayers of Sugar Hill with our Department.

During this year there were fewer violations, therefore fewer arrests were necessary. Among these there was only one for a criminal violation which was assault with the intent to commit rape.

The following is a list of the arrests made for motor vehicle violations:

- 22 arrests for speeding ranging as high as 95 miles per hour
- 9 arrests for defective equipment
- 6 arrests for crossing the center line
- 4 arrests for operating an unregistered vehicle
- 3 arrests for operating under the influence of alcohol
- 3 arrests for operating a motorcycle without protective eye cover
- 3 arrests for operating after suspension
- 2 arrests for failure to show proof of financial responsibility
- 2 arrests for reckless operation
- 2 arrests for operating an uninspected vehicle
- 2 arrests for failure to stop for a stop sign
- 1 arrest for failure to stop for a Police Officer
- 1 arrest for allowing an improper person to operate
- 1 arrest for producing another person's license
- 1 arrest for derisive words to an officer
- 1 arrest for allowing a person to use his license
- 1 arrest for depositing litter
- 1 arrest for an overloaded vehicle
- 1 arrest for displaying a suspended license
- 1 arrest for operating a motorcycle without a helmet
- 1 arrest for failure to produce a license

Although National statistics show a tremendous increase in the crime rate as well as motor vehicle accident rate ours in Sugar Hill has taken a noticeable decline. In the future we have hopes of continuing this admirable record and perhaps even improving it.

Good law enforcement requires the help of every citizen. We appreciate yours!

Respectfully,
Gary G. Young
Chief of Police

SUGAR HILL POLICE DEPARTMENT

Proposed budget for year 1969

Chief's Salary	\$ 6,500.00
Operating Expense	<u>2,500.00</u>
Total Budget	\$ 9,000.00

Average Chief's Salary \$ 7,100.00
Average Patrolman's Salary 5,700.00

8 out of 10 towns supply Blue Cross, Retirement
All towns supply uniforms
Average work week - 45 hours

Minimum work week Sugar Hill - 50 hours
Chief supplies uniforms, Blue Cross, Retirement, and all other necessary equipment to carry out the performance of his duties.
Chief's present salary for years 1967 & 1968 - \$5,200.00

REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN & DISTRICT CHIEF

New Hampshire is the fastest growing state in the northeast in terms of population increase. It is also an industrialized state and this growth is likely to continue, all of which means more families and homes. Our growing summer population is scattered throughout the state with a phenomenal increase in vacation homes.

Many new homes and practically all cottages are being located in woodlands and abandoned fields and forests crowd into the back yards of our village streets. In a state where the forests cover 86% of the land surface, it is necessary that everyone be aware all through the season, which comes with the disappearance of the snow until the snow comes again, of the need to be careful with outdoor fires and fire sources.

The following action will help:

1. To teach our children the danger of lighted matches.
2. To never discard lighted smoking material from a car or while walking through fields or woods.
3. To safely dispose of rubbish preferably at the town dump. If you must burn-
 - a. You need a written permit from the town fire warden for all debris burning except when the ground is covered with snow. Cooking fires in outdoor fireplaces or in charcoal brasiers in your own back yard is permitted on notification of the warden.
 - b. The warden is forbidden by regulation to allow burning of household rubbish on grass by householders between 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M.
 - c. Have equipment on hand to control the fire before you light the match.
4. Promptly report any fire out of control to your fire warden or fire department.

Help to keep our town out of the fire occurrence column and save our tax dollars for useful purposes.

Forest fire record for 1968:

	Number of Fires	Woodland acres burned
State	593	349
District	19	16 1/2
Town	1	1/2
District Fire Chief John Q. Ricard Canaan, N.H.		Forest Fire Warden Albert Aldrich Sugar Hill, N.H.

SUGAR HILL FIRE DEPARTMENT

1968

Balance on Hand January 1, 1968 \$1,127.64

RECEIPTS

Town Appropriation	\$2,500.00	
Drawing Water	50.00	
Burning Grass & Building	50.00	
Donations	35.00	2,635.00
Total Receipts		<u>\$3,762.64</u>

PAYMENTS

Insurance Premiums	593.19	
Fuel Oil	208.15	
Electricity	66.94	
Telephone	294.50	
Supplies	98.43	
Hunt's Esso	116.75	
Blanchard Associates (hose)	1,332.80	
Grafton County Soil Conservation	240.00	
Cyr Heating & Plumbing	61.60	
Del Chemical	54.60	
Lancaster Service	24.00	
Fred Hunt	45.00	
Fence & Posts	71.75	
Twin State Firemen's Association dues	19.00	
N.H. State Firemen's Association dues	23.00	
Flowers and Gifts	22.00	
Bank Service Charges	7.62	
Total Payments		<u>3,279.33</u>

Balance on Hand December 31, 1968 \$ 483.31

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF RICHARDSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

The library was closed during January, 1968. In February, Mrs. Loretta Brown, who has had some previous experience in library work, became our librarian. The library was then open one afternoon- 3 hours per week. In May, to comply with state requirements, the library was opened 8 hours per week- two afternoons and one evening.

The Trustees meet once a month. Mr. Riley, the district consultant, has met with us and given helpful suggestions.

Our "statement of policy", another state requirement, is now on file in the library. Affiliation with the state organization allows us the advantage of borrowing from the Bookmobile, discounts through Cooperative Book Buying plus one hundred dollars worth of reference books.

Mrs. Brown has been cataloging all the books so the card file should soon be in good order.

We have purchased new books regularly, particularly trying to suit the needs of the children and young people as well as satisfying the tastes of the adults. Many books have been donated, some as memorials. Through a gift from R.C.A. our young people in particular have been enjoying records. Plans are for this department to be expanded, thus making our library of more service to the community.

The parking problem is still with us. The suggestion to cut off part of the steep bank in front of the library and build a retaining wall to provide space for one or two cars does not seem feasible, by estimate from a reliable contractor. If anyone can come up with a reasonable solution we would be happy.

For many years little has been done to make the interior of the building more attractive so we plan to do a little along this line this year.

Mrs. Brown reports that there are at present 64 active borrowers, who took out 1,943 books, magazines and records (11 months) compared with 814 borrowed in 1967 (12 months). The total attendance was 872 or an average of 79 per month. From a low of 14 in February, a high of 116 was reached in August.

The Trustees are encouraged with the librarian's report and sincerely hope that more of the citizens of Sugar Hill will be interested in visiting Richardson Memorial Library, borrowing books and records.

Suggestions for improving the library are welcome.

A library is of no value unless it is USED.

Gladys A. Jesseman, Chrm.
Rosalie Robertson
Lucy Oakes

RICHARDSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

RECEIPTS

Balance January 1, 1968	\$ 169.06
From Town	1,300.00
Gift	<u>6.90</u>
Total Receipts	\$1,475.96

EXPENDITURES

Librarian's Salary	\$ 455.80
New Books	334.92
Cray Oil	125.25
Public Service Co.	50.44
John Aldrich, Maintenance	112.25
E. Ott, Reprint sign	10.00
Sears, Chemical toilet	35.65
Montgomery Ward, Bulletin board	9.60
Miscellaneous - Cataloging supplies, box rent, service charge stamps, etc.	<u>53.41</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$1,187.32</u>
Balance December 31, 1968	\$ 288.64

ABOUT ZONING

Dear Fellow Citizens:

As you probably know, a Zoning Ordinance was passed for the Town of Sugar Hill on November 5th, 1968, at the general election held on that date. Your Board of Selectmen has been designated in the ordinance as Administrative Official charged with the responsibility of administering the ordinance in the first instance.

A Board of Adjustment has also been provided for, whose principal duties are to hear requests for special exceptions or variances from the terms of the ordinance and also to hear appeals from rulings of the Administrative Official.

Both the Board of Selectmen and Board of Adjustment believe that the Zoning Ordinance should be liberally construed to the end that no unnecessary hardship shall result to any property owner.

Perhaps it would be helpful to give you a general idea of the procedure to be followed if you are planning to build. Any member of the Board of Selectmen will be glad to discuss with you any question that you may have or that might arise in regard to the Zoning Ordinance. This, we believe, ought to be the first step.

As indicated in paragraph two above, the Board of Adjustment is, as its name indicates, a body for adjustment to avoid unnecessary hardship and to see that substantial justice is done. It is therefore generally a second step available in such cases, as provided by the Zoning Ordinance.

The Zoning Ordinance, as you doubtless know, does not apply to any building or structure erected before the ordinance was passed, November 5th, 1968, (Section 503 of the Zoning Ordinance); nor does it apply to the use being made of any such building or structure on that date, as provided in Article III of the ordinance.

The right to make alterations or enlarge such existing buildings or structures for the purpose of continuing the uses to which they have been put is provided under the ordinance.

The Zoning Ordinance applies to buildings and structures erected after November 5, 1968, and their uses. Lot and yard requirements, permitted uses with special exceptions, and other requirements are all set forth in the ordinance.

However, liberal provisions have been made for the Board of Adjustment to allow variances from the lot and yard and other requirements of the ordinance, as provided under Section 804. Special exceptions to use requirements may also be allowed by the Board of Adjustment under Section 803.

Every effort has been made to safeguard and protect the rights and privileges of every one owning land or buildings in Sugar Hill. It is the hope and belief of the Selectmen and members of the Board of Adjustment that the Zoning Ordinance will not only keep Sugar Hill beautiful and desirable to live in, as it now is, but also in doing so, will ultimately increase the value of land and buildings in every area of our town.

To this end we solicit your cooperation and help in making the ordinance work. If you are planning to build, please contact one of your selectmen.

ZONING ORDINANCE

TOWN OF SUGAR HILL

Adopted November 5, 1968

ARTICLE I PURPOSE

The purpose of these regulations is to guide and protect the development of Sugar Hill in a manner consistent with the wishes of its citizens and in accordance with a comprehensive plan.

These land development regulations are intended to promote and encourage the most appropriate use of the town's land and to provide reasonable minimum standards for the division of the land into lots for building purposes.

ARTICLE II TITLE

This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the "Zoning Ordinance of Sugar Hill, New Hampshire."

ARTICLE III PRESENT USES

Every use now being made of land, structures or buildings in the Town of Sugar Hill, or on the effective date of this Ordinance may be continued and such use is not affected by the provisions of Article IV below.

ARTICLE IV FUTURE USES

To promote future uses best suited to the character of the land, and to the Town of Sugar Hill, the following uses are permitted. Uses not listed are not permitted except as hereinafter provided. The special exceptions listed below or similar uses may be allowed by the Board of Adjustment under Article VIII of this ordinance; and additional uses may also be authorized at a regular or special town meeting as provided by Law.

PERMITTED USES

1. Agriculture
2. Single-Family Dwellings other than mobile homes and trailers.
3. Schools
4. Parks and Playgrounds
5. Churches
6. Essential Services and Accessory Uses in connection with the above uses.

SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS

1. Home Occupations as provided in Section 601
2. Nursery Schools
3. Clinics, hospitals and rest homes other than primarily for the care of the insane or feeble-minded and other than for liquor or drug addicts.
4. Public Utility Buildings
5. Fire Stations
6. Water Recreation and Water Storage as provided in Section 602.
7. Municipal Buildings and Libraries.
8. Cemeteries
9. Greenhouses
10. Riding Stables
11. Private Clubs
12. Golf Courses
13. Swimming Pools
14. Motels, hotels, tourist homes, with ancillary eating and drinking facilities.
15. Antique Shops, Gift Shops
16. Multi-Family Dwellings other than mobile homes and trailers.
17. Recreation uses.

ARTICLE V

Section 501

Future Lot and Yard Requirements: The minimum lot area, minimum width of lot, minimum depth of front yard, minimum width of each side yard and minimum depth of rear yard shall be as shown in the following table. No building and/or structure shall be located closer to any property line than provided for in this section.

LOT AND YARD REQUIREMENTS

Minimum Area	2 acres
Minimum Frontage	200 feet
Minimum Front Yard (setback)	50 feet
Minimum Side Yard	25 feet
Minimum Rear Yard	25 feet

501.1

All structures whether attached to the principal structure or not, and, whether open or enclosed, including porches, carports, balconies, or platforms above normal grade level, shall not project into any minimum front, side, or rear yard.

501.2

Any lot of record existing at the effective date of this Ordinance and then held in separate ownership different from the ownership of adjoining lots may be used for the erection of a structure conforming to the use regulations, even though its area and width are less than minimum requirements of this Ordinance.

Section 502

Height Regulations: No structure shall exceed 35 feet in height above average ground level unless approved by the Board of Adjustment.

Section 503

The requirements of Article V do not apply to any existing building or structure in the Town of Sugar Hill at the effective date of this Ordinance; and if any such building or structure should be damaged by fire, flood, explosion or any other casualty it may be replaced and used as before.

ARTICLE VI GENERAL REGULATIONS

Section 601

Home Occupations: Any home occupation such as art studios, dressmaking, teaching, or such as the professional office of a physician, dentist, lawyer, engineer, architect or accountant, shall be permitted as an accessory use if it complies with the requirements of this section.

601.1

The home occupation shall be carried on wholly within the principal or accessory structures and/or on the same property.

601.2

Objectionable noise, vibration, smoke, dust, electrical disturbance, odors, heat, or glare shall not be produced.

Section 602

Water Recreation and Water Storage Facilities: Any facility for water recreation such as swimming clubs, and commercial fishing ponds, or any other water storage facility such as reservoirs, fish hatcheries, and sewer lagoons shall comply with the following requirements:

602.1

The facility shall be of adequate size for such use.

602.2

The facility shall be enclosed by a fence no less than four feet high to prevent uncontrolled access by small children, if prescribed by the Building Inspector for safety reasons.

602.3

Before a Permit shall be issued to the operator or owner of the facility, a plan shall be submitted to the Building Inspector showing size of facility, proposed use, parking arrangement and use of buildings on the site, surrounding properties and their usage, and any other pertinent information.

Section 603

Off-Street Parking: Adequate off-street parking spaces shall be provided for all uses.

Section 604

Signs: No sign, billboard, or exterior graphic display shall be permitted in any district except in conjunction with the use and/or sale of the land upon which the sign is located, except that off-property directional signs not larger than ten square feet may be permitted in any district.

604.1

Signs shall not project over public rights of way.

604.2

Signs and structures shall not be illuminated in any manner which causes undue distraction, confusion or hazard to vehicular traffic.

604.3

Flashing signs shall be prohibited.

Section 605

Removal of fill, gravel, ore, stone or loam for commercial purposes shall be permitted provided that:

1. Upon a predetermined date of completion and within one month of completion the area is made safe and sightly by grading, leaving no slope greater than two to one, nor any possibility of standing water and/or where found more desirable by the Building Inspector, through fencing in the area of excavation, and providing with suitable ground cover to prevent erosion.
2. A bond is posted with the Treasurer of the Town of Sugar Hill by the applicant in an amount approved by the Building Inspector as sufficient to guarantee conformity with the Provisions of sub-section 1 of this section.

Section 606

Temporary Structures: On-site temporary structures or trailers used in conjunction with construction work shall be permitted only during the period that the construction work is in progress. Permits for temporary structures shall be issued for a six-month period. Residing in basement or foundation structures before the completion of the total structure shall not be permitted in excess of a 12 month period.

ARTICLE VII ENFORCEMENT

Section 701 Administrative Official

This Ordinance shall be administered and enforced by the Board of Selectmen who shall act as Building Inspector but may delegate such authority.

Section 702 Violations

The Board of Selectmen and/or Building Inspector is hereby authorized to institute or cause to be instituted, in the name of the town, any and all actions, legal or equitable, that may be appropriate or necessary for the enforcement of this ordinance; this authorization, however, shall not prevent any person entitled to equitable relief from enjoining any act contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance.

ARTICLE VIII BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Section 801
Creation. A Board of Adjustment is hereby created and its members shall be elected by the Town Meeting in accordance with, and shall have the terms and powers hereby conferred upon the Board of Adjustment by, the provisions of Chapter 31, N.H. Revised Statutes Annotated, 1955, and as have been or may be amended.

Section 802
Appeals. The Board of Adjustment may hear and decide a case where it is alleged there is error in any order, requirement, decision, or determination made by any official in the enforcement of this Ordinance.

Section 803
Special Exceptions and Additional Uses. The Board of Adjustment may in appropriate cases, and subject to appropriate conditions and safeguards as determined by the Board, grant a permit for a special exception or additional use. The Board, in acting on an application for either, shall take into consideration the following conditions;

803.1
The proposed use shall be similar to those allowed by this Ordinance.

803.2
The specific site is an appropriate location and of adequate size for such use.

803.3

The use as developed will not adversely affect the adjacent area.

803.4

There will be no nuisance or serious hazard to vehicles or pedestrians.

Section 804

Variance. The Board of Adjustment may authorize a variance from the terms of this Ordinance, and particularly from the lot and yard requirements, where the Board finds that all of the following conditions apply:

804.1

There are special circumstances or conditions applying to the land or structure for which the variance is sought (such as, but not limited to, the exceptional narrowness, shallowness, or shape of the property in question, or exceptional topographical conditions), which are peculiar to such requirements of this Ordinance as will deprive an owner of such property a reasonable use of it, and will impose upon such owner a hardship not shared by the owners of other property.

804.2

The granting of the variance will be in harmony with the general purposes and intent of this Ordinance, and with the convenience, welfare, and character of the area within which it is proposed, and will not be injurious or otherwise detrimental to the public welfare.

804.3

The use proposed is a permitted or allowed use.

ARTICLE IX
AMENDMENT

The Ordinance may be amended in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 31, N.H. Revised Statutes Annotated, 1955, and as have been or may be amended.

ARTICLE X
SAVING CLAUSE

The invalidity of any provision of this Ordinance shall not affect the validity of any other provision.

ARTICLE XI
WHEN EFFECTIVE

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

INFORMATION SERVICE OF SUGAR HILL, EASTON & FRANCONIA

The booth was open from May 25 to October 19, with hours varying from 2 to 14 a day, July and August being from 11 A.M. to 8:30 P.M. Constant flow of traffic sometimes kept it open later; then, 95% of requests were for lodgings, so we kept that money in these towns. The longest day was October 5, with 210 cars registered in 14 hours; all were helped.

The season's registrations of over 7000 cars meant that more than 20,000 persons received individual assistance in reaching their friends or our business places and learning about the area. Therefore, many thousands of dollars helped all in these towns - the money turns over through business establishments, employees, suppliers, families of all and finally, through their taxes, back to the towns that support the service. Former records show cars registered in 1955, 3,982; 1966, 5,890; 1967, 6,196; 1968, over 7,000 and 1949, 1,444! The present building, built around 1946, is entirely inadequate for present-day needs.

Payment by the Town of Franconia, with Sugar Hill and Easton contributing since 1966, was for 1000 hours, at minimum wage, for only the time the booth was open. The Secretary was contacted at home by phone and personal visits for help, often before morning opening and after evening closing. Winter coverage of mail, phone and personal visits was done on practically a 24-hour basis, at her home, from fall closing to summer opening. Supervision of the booth was by the Selectmen, cooperating with a Chamber of Commerce committee.

Many thousand pieces of literature were given, individually. The State distributor said this booth used more than any other, including State rest areas. The limited space for handling and haphazard method of delivery to us made it impossible to keep a count for future planning. An attempt was made and for the few local places that furnished an adequate supply early, up to 2000 copies were given out for each.

Many requests came for the following in these towns: dentist, drug store, liquor store, low-priced clothing store; shops open evenings, evening auctions, other family-type activities; places of interest here; hiking trails easier than mountains, for small children and older people; guided hikes and tours; golf and other games; and a lake! This is the only booth in the area having a complete registration, and the data collected throughout the year shows what local people and our visitors desire. There were many requests all year from local people and their guests for employment - or employees; pets, etc., lost - found; et al.

We'll welcome questions regarding the Information Service and suggestions for its improvement.

(Mrs.) Olive Porter Stanard
Executive Secretary
Franconia Chamber of Commerce

BIRTHS -- 1968

Date of Birth and Name of Child	Sex	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Residence of Parents	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
April 24, 1968 Heather Marie Casey	F	Charles Baker Casey	Barbara Lee Silver	Sugar Hill, N. H.	N. H.	N. H.
June 23, 1968 Kenneth Lee Hunt	M	Herbert Hollis Hunt	Lorraine Claire Stewart	Sugar Hill, N. H.	N. H.	N. H.

DEATHS -- 1968

Date and Place of Death	Name of Deceased	Age	Place of Birth	Sex	Occupation	Name of Father	Name of Mother
Jan. 16, 1968 Sugar Hill, N. H.	Karl A. Richardson	79	N. H.	M	M Retired Tel.Co.	C. J. Richardson	Sarah Bailey
Feb. 29, 1968 Sugar Hill, N. H.	Laura L. Dufresne	84	N. Y.	F	W Housewife	Joseph Lecuyer	Philomene Trudeau
June 1, 1968 Littleton, N. H.	Alice N. Murray	85	Vt.	F	W Housewife	John Neill	Alice Hoffman
June 28, 1968 Sugar Hill, N. H.	Mary V. Garipay	81	Ohio	F	W Hospital Supt.	Anthony Housel	Virginia Kingman
Oct. 21, 1968 Sugar Hill, N. H.	Jennie Woods Poor	83	N. H.	F	W Housewife	Charles Wood	Emma Metcalf
Nov. 15, 1968 Sugar Hill, N. H.	Mae Hedman	82	N. H.	F	W Housewife	Thomas J. Goodwin	Mary Brooks
Dec. 9, 1968 Littleton, N. H.	Raymond Neil Miner	69	N. H.	M	M Gardener	John Miner	Mise Leonard

MARRIAGES -- 1968

Date and Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of Each	Names of Parents	Name, Residence and Official Station of Person by Whom Married
March 16, 1968 Sugar Hill, N. H.	James Randall Vierra Carol Louise Ingersoll	Caldwell, N. J. Caldwell, N. J.	Agnes Hawk Joseph Vierra William Ingersoll Laura Stanton Arthur J. Hunt Mary Baines Alcide J. Blair Virginia E. Hovey Solon A. Richardson Lilymae Kearns Bryant Bean Kathleen Spaulding	Stanley McIntyre Justice of Peace Littleton, N. H. Alexander J. Corey Justice of Peace Littleton, N. H.
April 6, 1968 Littleton, N. H.	Steven John Hunt Janet Marie Bolduc	Sugar Hill, N. H. Lyndonville, Vt.	Robert S. Callender Wynnfred Wadewitz Stuart P. McKenzie Marjorie L. Noyes Mark A. Young Katherine Peters Robert E. Dragon Virginia Wimmette Hugh W. McPhaul Dorothy Rosseland Edwin H. MacEwan Dorothy E. Berg	Carleton Schaller Jr. Clergyman Littleton, N. H.
June 22, 1968 Littleton, N. H.	John Neale Richardson Kathleen Elizabeth Bean	Sugar Hill, N. H. Littleton, N. H.	Robert S. Callender Wynnfred Wadewitz Stuart P. McKenzie Marjorie L. Noyes Mark A. Young Katherine Peters Robert E. Dragon Virginia Wimmette Hugh W. McPhaul Dorothy Rosseland Edwin H. MacEwan Dorothy E. Berg	Carleton Schaller Jr. Clergyman Littleton, N. H.
August 3, 1968 Sugar Hill, N. H.	William Robert Callender Martha Lee McKenzie	Denver, Colo. Denver, Colo.	Robert S. Callender Wynnfred Wadewitz Stuart P. McKenzie Marjorie L. Noyes Mark A. Young Katherine Peters Robert E. Dragon Virginia Wimmette Hugh W. McPhaul Dorothy Rosseland Edwin H. MacEwan Dorothy E. Berg	Carleton Schaller Jr. Clergyman Littleton, N. H.
August 17, 1968 Littleton, N. H.	David Wayne Young Norma Lee Dragon	Sugar Hill, N. H. Ripton, Vt.	Robert S. Callender Wynnfred Wadewitz Stuart P. McKenzie Marjorie L. Noyes Mark A. Young Katherine Peters Robert E. Dragon Virginia Wimmette Hugh W. McPhaul Dorothy Rosseland Edwin H. MacEwan Dorothy E. Berg	Alexander J. Corey Justice of Peace Littleton, N. H.
August 24, 1968 Bethlehem, N. H.	David F. McPhaul Dorothy C. MacEwan	West Chester, Ohio Sugar Hill, N. H.	Robert S. Callender Wynnfred Wadewitz Stuart P. McKenzie Marjorie L. Noyes Mark A. Young Katherine Peters Robert E. Dragon Virginia Wimmette Hugh W. McPhaul Dorothy Rosseland Edwin H. MacEwan Dorothy E. Berg	William Dearman Clergyman Sugar Hill, N. H.

